Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Spanish-Once a Month on Saturday's at 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Summer

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days

8:30 a.m. and Evening Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

THEY WERE LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

During the week of Monday July 8th-Thursday July 11th I had the opportunity to gather with 226 other priests in West Virginia for the annual Priests Biblical Conference led by the most widely regarded Scripture scholars in the nation, including Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. John Bergsma of St Paul Center for Biblical Theology. At one the Masses, the priest celebrant spoke of what he called "least common denominator priests". In other words, priests who do the bare minimum that is required. I had never heard that expression before but after being a priest 37 years and a pastor for 15 of those years, I am well acquainted with what he was driving at. While I have been privileged over the years to have served with mostly dedicated and zealous priests I have dealt with a few who were "least common denominator priests."

The reading today, particularly the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah and the Gospel from St. Mark, remind us of what kind of priest/shepherd Jesus was. "His heart was moved with pity" for the people who were like "sheep without a shepherd". Notice two things here. First, our Lord does not approach those who were spiritually or morally lost and confused with condemnation. Rather, He is "moved with pity". He knows what they are missing by not acknowledging Him and the God who sent Him. He knows how imprisoned they are in their sins, desperation, and doubt. Second, He doesn't just feel pity for them but He "teaches them many things". We can easily realize hat our Lord was teaching them eternal truths that would bring them an inner freedom they thought was beyond their grasp; that He held out mercy to the greatest sinners among them if they turned back to Him in confident trust; that he showed them God's love without limits or conditions. He taught them the way to true freedom and a peace this world cannot give nor take away.

The priest/pastor/shepherd that Jesus showed forth is not limited to the ordained. Everyone of us is called to pastor and shepherd others, to offer the priestly sacrifice of self to others. First among them are parents, the first teachers (shepherds/pastors) of their children. We are called to show forth the same to our spouses, friends, neighbors, coworkers. Yet when it comes to realities of a lived faith we must ask ourselves whether we are more like "least common denominator priests" or more like Jesus Christ who made the proclamation of the Good News the cornerstone of His life and His reason for being.

How we answer this question has great consequence. The Lord, speaking through the prophet Jeremiah says, "woe… to those who mislead and scatter the flock" and "have not cared for them". The Lord has given us a great commission: to live the gift of faith we have been given, but also the proclaim that gift by our words and by the witness of our lives. The late Fr. Benedict Groeschel made the comment that in previous times the words, "most people live their lives in quiet desperation" can now be refashioned as "most people live their lives in noisy desperation". He was certainly astute in his observation. Like Jesus in His time we are called to have compassion on those who seek for some degree of hope and solace in power, money, prestige, fame, pleasure, and so on. None of that will ever satisfy the deepest longings of the heart. They are like sheep without a shepherd. Every one of us has been called to do as Jesus did by word and example: "teach them many things", above all that Jesus Christ is our Lord, That He is our peace, and the only hope of the world.

Fr. John Maduri

Monthly 50/50 Raffle

Contribution is $25 and the proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities. Winner takes home half the amount collected for the given month. Simply drop your entry at the rectory or in the weekly collection basket. The next winner will be picked on August 6th, 2024

This Month's Winner of $300.00 is

The Feast in honor of

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday, July 25th through
Sunday, July 28th
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
There will be a special Mass on
Sunday, July 28th
Everyone is invited to attend!

This weekend's second collection is a Parish Collection for Higher Electric Costs.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024	
9:00 am	Maria Hinners by Barbara Fox
5:00 pm	Rose Giberti by the Eucharistic Ministers of St. Bernard
SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024	
9:00am	Tony Evangelista Jr. by Anthony & Lisa Patrizio
11:00am	Rose Giberti by Mrs. Rosemary Somma & Family Zora Polimeni by Fabia & Anthony DeCrescenzo Nora Keenan by Your Loving Family Cruz Maria Rodriguez Ortiz by Connie Carriero
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024	
8:30 am	Thomas Quinn by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino People of the Parish
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024	
8:30 am	Maria Hinners by Martha-Jean Rosiello
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024	
8:30 am	Jenny Preziosi by her daughter Amy (Happy Birthday in Heaven)
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024	
8:30 am	Clement Pollio by Fran & Ed McCarthy
FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024	
8:30am	Regina Mulligan by Eileen & Robert Magnavito
SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024	
9:00am	Josephine Patti Gildea by The Fallon Family
5:00pm	Rose Giberti by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino Edward McGrath by The Tropeano Family Thomas Quinn by Helen Mercaldo Clement Pollio by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Berger & Family
SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024	
9:00am	Giuseppe Liberatore by his Wife, Children Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren Rose Scognamiglio by Teresa & Tom Sorrentino
11:00am	Michael Marco by The Somma-Berger Family

Summer Mass Schedule

Please note that our Summer Mass Schedule
Sunday Masses will be at
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
throughout July and August.
Saturday evening Mass remains at 5:00 p.m.

Summer Rectory Hours

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Thanks to President Reagan, we celebrate **National Ice Cream Day** every third Sunday in July, meaning July 21 this year. Reagan wanted to commemorate a treat enjoyed by over 90 percent of the US population. In 1984, he decreed a day for ice cream! **BRING AN ELDERLY PERSON A SCOOP!**

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Rose Giberti
Donated by Eucharistic Ministers of St. Bernard

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Patrick Sorrentino
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hinners

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

WATER A NEIGHBOR'S PLANTS
GREET EACH DAY WITH A SENSE OF GRATITUDE!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Rosa Andreani
Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
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Christine Palumbo Beck
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Lizette Borquero
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Angela Marie Consenza
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
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Samantha Curreri
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Francine Danza
Tania Davis
Pamela DeCesare
Phyllis DeCesare
Vicky DeGruccio
Frances DePace
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Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
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Francine Giannotti
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Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
J.H.
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Kiera Sophie
Annette Kyle
Angelina Larrymore
Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
Greyson Livia
Barbara Lopez
Ariana Lore
Joseph Malk
Allan Maloney
Baby Salvatore Manniello
Yolanda Maranga
Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Andrea Martin
Lurline Martineau
Matthew Mason
Nicole McCallion
Mackenzie McCallion
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Nancy McCormick
Edna McGuinness
Matt McMahon
Donald Merone
Debbie Miller
Jason Moll
Brian Morgan
Joseph Mosiello
Tanya Ortiz
A.Passaro
Sandra Pena
Jo-Ann Piazza
Nicholas Piccio
Jerry Pottak
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Alexa Ramos
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Nikki Russo
Sofia Russo
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Cigdem Tanriverdi
Linda Testagrose
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Ryan Torgerson
Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

A leaf has been added to our Tree of Life In Memory of

Donald Merone

Donated by The Alfano, Trorra, Infantino, Trincilla & Cirillo Families & Maria Palmeirai

If you would like to add a leaf to our Tree of Life "In Memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.

We will be selling Our Lady of Mount Carmel Candles that you can memorialize, raffle tickets & 50/50 boxes right outside the church from 5:00pm-10:00pm through Thursday, July 25th through Sunday, July 28th

If you are able to volunteer to sell at our table please contact Sandra at the rectory 718.763.5533 or return the form below to the rectory.
Any help would be greatly appreciated!

I am volunteering for the following night(s):

Thursday, July 25th_____
Times available_____

Friday, July 26th_____
Times available_____

Saturday, July 27th_____
Times available_____

Sunday, July 28th_____
Times available_____

Name_____

Cell #_____

Email_____

Operation Backpack

Hosted by Matthew 25

Think it's too early to think about *back-to-school?*
Not for Operation Backpack!
Thousands of school-age children in New York City are homeless and one of the most devastating consequences of homelessness is the impact it can have on a child's education. Frequent school transfers and the stigma associated with living in a shelter add up to great hardship for these children.
Saint Bernard Parish will be participating this year to help thousands of homeless children on their first day of classes.
We will have a collection box in the vestibule of the Church in the coming weeks.
Won't you please consider donating a new backpack?
We will not be collecting school supplies
ONLY BACKPACKS
We will be collecting through the end of July.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Block Party will be on
Sunday, September 15, 2024
Rain Date: Sunday, September 22, 2024
More Info To Follow!

Stewardship Thought

"He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Mark 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Annual Appeal Goal for 2024: $57,669

Amount Pledged (this time 2023) $45,872 TO DATE: **(as of 7/8/2024) $39,808**

AMOUNT Received: $ 33,253 (this time 2023) TO DATE: $31,122 **(as of 7/08/23)**

Donors: 84

(LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME WE HAD 82 DONORS IN 2022 WE HAD 117 DONORS!)

EACH YEAR THE AMOUNT OF DONORS IS GOING DOWN.

If you have already made your pledge – ***Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!***

Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated!

If you have not - Please support the ***2024 Annual Catholic Appeal – once we reach our goal in receipts, all monies received over goal will come back to the Parish to use for the many ministries and services provided that add to the vibrancy of our Parish.***

There are 1,000 registered families in our parish –
if each family gave something imagine what the total will be!

Please give something – only YOU know what that amount can be –

No gift is too SMALL or too LARGE!

Thank You For Your Support!

Summer Rosary

We are happy to announce that we will once again be reciting the Rosary on Tuesday evenings in our Parish Gardens starting at 6:00 PM. Please enter through the Gardens' gate on East 69th Street. There will be NO ENTRANCE through the Rectory. If there is RAIN OR THREAT OF RAIN, we will recite the Rosary in Church. ALL MEN, WOMEN, ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS ARE WELCOME to come and say the Rosary! Now, more than ever we need to come together in prayer and reach out to Our Blessed Mother with hope.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have questions, you can contact Rita at 917-698-5506.

For the Military

If you would like to add a loved one that is in active duty in the military, please call the rectory with their name and branch of service and we will add them to a list of military members to pray for.

Thank you.

Almighty & eternal God, protect these men & women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Shane Cawthon (Army)
Frank Gargano (Army)
Marcello Gargano (Army)
Michael Gargano Jr (Navy)
Joseph Milone (Marines)

Save The Date
Oktoberfest!

Saturday, October 5, 2024

St. Bernard Catholic Academy Auditorium

For Information Call or Text

Rita-917-698-5506

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process by which a person prepares to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is one of inquiry, evangelization, prayer, study and conversion, leading to one's entrance into the church through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. RCIA welcomes the unbaptized as well as those baptized in other Christian traditions. RCIA also welcomes those who have been baptized Catholic but who have not completed their sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this program is asked to call the Rectory now and speak to Deacon Frank.

Music Ministry Notes

Have you ever wanted to join our Choir but did not have the time? Now is your chance! Consider joining our Summer Choir which will sing at the 11am Sunday Mass throughout the Summer. We will rehearse every Sunday 20 minutes before the 11am Mass. This is a great opportunity to serve our Parish with your time and talent during the slower summer months.

If interested, please see our Director of Music Ernest Buckley after Mass or call: 718.809.7666.

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of July 13 & July 14, 2024

Saturday July 13th 5:00pm- 130
Sunday, July 14th 9:00am- 145
Sunday, July 14th 11:00am- 191
Total Weekend Attendance- 466

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Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Devotions

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
MONDAYS
Novena after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
ROSARY
Monday - Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday after 9:00 a.m. Mass
FIRST FRIDAYS
Exposition: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Chapel

Baptisms

Scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Parents are required to schedule an appointment with a Priest or Deacon at least six weeks prior to Baptism.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made with a Priest or Deacon at least 6 months before the wedding.
Pre-Cana information can be found at **www.pre-cana.org.**

Sick Calls

Please call the Rectory to arrange a Communion call to the sick or elderly, or a pastoral visit to a hospitalized loved one.

Vocations

Anyone seeking information regarding the Priesthood, Permanent Deaconate, Religious Life or to serve in our Parish as a Lay Minister should speak to Fr. Maduri, Fr. Mike, Dcn. Frank, Dcn. Chris or Dcn. Herb.

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the Parish and encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.

Catholics Come Home

Please feel free to invite those who have been away from our parish to attend Mass with you. If there is anyone you know of that is upset with the church and feels that my speaking to them would be of help, please let me know so that I may speak with them. Fr. Maduri.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

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